Fall in crude price

222. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for reducing domestic motor fuel prices in view of the fallen international crude prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the fallen crude prices will contain the crude oil import bill;

(d) whether the low crude import prices will give respite to the consumer; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (e) On the basis of decline in international prices, the prices of petrol and diesel were reduced on 30.11.2006. It was again reduced on 16.2.2007. The reduction was Rs. 2/- per litre and Re. 1/- per litre for petrol and diesel respectively on each occasion (Delhi Price). The decline in prices of crude oil in the international market impact the crude oil import bill of the refineries.

Reduction in price of ATF

223. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to reduce the basic price of ATF;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether prices of other petroleum products are also likely to be reduced;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) ATF is a deregulated product and the prices are fixed by oil marketing companies (OMCs) based on commercial considerations.

(c) to (e) The prices of petrol and diesel were reduced on 30.11.2006. It was again reduced on 16.2.2007. The reduction was Rs. 2/- per litre and Re. 1/- per litre (in Delhi) for petrol and diesel respectively on each occasion. It may be noted that the prices of domestic LPG were last revised on 5.11.2004. However, the basic price of PDS Kerosene has not been revised since 1.4.2002.

Subsidy on Kerosene and domestic LPG

224. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount which Government and each of the Petroleum companies are suffering due to hike in petroleum prices during the last 3 years, year-wise till date; and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the total amount paid as subsidy towards kerosene and cooking gas during the above mentioned period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The gross under recoveries of oil marketing companies on sale of sensitive petroleum products, *i.e.* petrol, diesel, PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG are given as under:

(Rs.in Crores)

Under Recovery	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 (Estimated)	Apr-Dec'06 (Provisional)
PDS Kerosene	3751	9480	14384	14104
Domestic LPG	5523	8362	10246	7738
Total on PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG	9274	17842	24630	21842
On petrol and diesel	-	2304	15370	19406
Total	9274	20146	40000	41248

*Gross under recoveries without considering discounts given by refineries, Oil Bonds issued by the Government and assistance given by upstream oil PSUs.